

# Memorandum

Date: November 26, 2024

To: Members of Council

From: Janet Eagleson, Manager, Public Affairs and External Relations

Subject: **2024 AMO Conference Summary**

The following memo summarizes the Town's advocacy efforts at the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference, which was held in Ottawa on August 18-21, 2024. The memo and attached document fulfil the motion passed at the Governance Committee on June 17, 2024 to reprise and comply with Council resolution 2012-307 and report back to Council.

Resolution 2012-307 requires that:

1. Any elected official who attends a conference must file a report that is information to Council and for (the members of public in) Caledon,
2. Such a report should be filed within a month after the conference, and
3. Such a report should be shared with all decision makers at the Town of Caledon and the public as information at the next possible Council meeting after the report is filed.

Town staff coordinated 13 formal delegations in 2024, up from 2 in 2023. This included 8 Ministries, 3 opposition parties and 2 agencies:

1. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
2. Ministry of the Attorney General
3. Ministry of Transportation
4. Ministry of Natural Resources
5. Ministry of Energy and Electrification
6. Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility
7. Ministry of Sport
8. Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (Small Business)
9. NDP Caucus
10. Ontario Liberal Party
11. Green Party of Ontario
12. Ontario Medical Association (OMA)
13. Ontario Hydro

A wide range of priorities were discussed, including growth and development in areas including transit, energy infrastructure, parkland development, age-friendly communities, recreation, court capacity and economic development.

During the meetings, Caledon's delegation brought forward key priorities for the community and called on the Provincial government to:

- Act on illegal land use, including strengthening municipal enforcement powers
- Advance the proposed Caledon-Vaughan GO Line, with an in-service date before 2041
- Improve the safety of Highway 10 by implementing:
  - Additional right turn lanes
  - Active warning signs
  - Illumination improvements
  - A red-light pilot program at Olde Base Line Road
- Increase legal requirements of aggregate operators to mitigate impact on communities and the environment, including mandating increased minimum distance from communities and better rehabilitation of lands following completion

Ten delegations were led by Mayor Groves, with Councilor Maskell (acting mayor for August) leading three delegations due to scheduling overlaps. Two-to-three Councillors attended each focused meeting, with all available members present for the opening session with Minister Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

All members of Council attended the conference except Councillor de Boer, who had a pre-existing scheduling conflict.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Schedule A: Summary of Councillor Submissions